

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Ramona Joyner

Plaintiff(s),

CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN
(JUDGE RAKOFF)

-v-

11cv6005 (JSR)

Continental Casualty Co.

Defendant(s).
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**This Court requires that this case shall be ready for trial on
03-12-2012.**

After consultation with counsel for the parties, the following Case Management Plan is adopted. This plan is also a scheduling order pursuant to Rules 16 and 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

- A. The case (is) ¹ (is not) to be tried to a jury. [Circle as appropriate]
- B. Joinder of additional parties must be accomplished by October 24, 2011.
- C. Amended pleadings may be filed without leave of Court until October 24, 2011.
- D. Discovery (in addition to the disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)):
1. Documents. First request for production of documents, if any, must be served by October 31, 2011. Further document requests may be served as required, but no document request may be served later than 30 days prior to the date of the close of discovery as set forth in item 6 below.
 2. Interrogatories. Interrogatories pursuant to Rule 33.3(a) of the Local Civil Rules of the Southern District of New York must be served by October 31, 2011. No other interrogatories are permitted except upon prior express permission of Judge Rakoff. No Rule 33.3(a) interrogatories need be served with respect to disclosures automatically required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a).
 3. Experts. Every party-proponent of a claim (including any counterclaim, cross-claim, or third-party claim) that intends to offer expert testimony in respect of such claim must make the disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) by December 2, 2011.² Every party-opponent of such claim that intends to offer expert testimony in opposition to such claim must make the disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) by December 16, 2011. No expert testimony (whether designated as "rebuttal" or otherwise) will be permitted by other experts or beyond the scope of the opinions covered by the aforesaid disclosures except upon prior express permission of the Court, application for which must be made no later than 10 days after the date specified in the immediately preceding sentence. All experts may be deposed, but such depositions must occur within the time limit for all depositions set forth below.

1 Plaintiff contends that she is entitled to a jury trial. Defendant contends that Plaintiff is not entitled to a jury trial and the that Second Circuit authority supports its position. See DeFelice v. International Assurance Co. of New York, 112 F.3d 61 (2d Cir. 1997); Sullivan v. LTV Aerospace and Defense Co., 82 F.3d 1251 (2d Cir. 1996).

2 Defendant maintains that expert witnesses are inappropriate in ERISA cases because the Court's review is limited to the administrative record.

4. Depositions. All depositions (including any expert depositions, see item 3 above) must be completed by January 13, 2012. Unless counsel agree otherwise or the Court so orders, depositions shall not commence until all parties have completed the initial disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) or until four weeks from the date of this Order, whichever is earlier. Depositions shall proceed concurrently, with no party having priority, and no deposition shall extend beyond one business day without prior leave of the Court.

5. Requests to Admit. Requests to Admit, if any, must be served by December 29, 2011 [insert date that is no later than 30 days prior to date of close of discovery as set forth in item 6 below].

6. All discovery is to be completed by January 30, 2012. Interim deadlines for items 1-5 above may be extended by the parties on consent without application to the Court, provided the parties are certain they can still meet the discovery completion date set forth in this paragraph. The discovery completion date may be adjourned only upon a showing to the Court of extraordinary circumstances, and may not be extended on consent.

E. Post-discovery summary judgment motions in the form prescribed by the Court's Individual Rules of Practice may be brought on without further consultation with the Court provided that a Notice of any such motion, in the form specified in the Court's Individual Rules of Practice, is filed no later than one week following the close-of-discovery date (item D-6 above) and provided that the moving papers are served by February 13, 2012, answering papers by February 27, 2012, and reply papers by March 5, 2012 [the last of these days being no later than six weeks following the close of discovery]. Each party must file its respective papers with the Clerk of the Court on the same date that such papers are served. Additionally, on the same date that any papers are served and filed, counsel filing and serving the papers must arrange to deliver courtesy non-electronic hard copies to the Courthouse for delivery to Chambers.

F. A final pre-trial conference, as well as oral argument on any post-discovery summary judgment motions, shall be held on _____ [date to be inserted by the Court], at which time the Court shall set a firm trial date. The timing and other requirements for the Joint Pretrial Order and/or other pre-trial submissions shall be governed by the Court's Individual Rules of Practice.

G. All motions and applications shall be governed by Judge Rakoff's Individual Rules of Practice. Counsel shall promptly familiarize themselves with all of the Court's Individual Rules, as well as with the Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

SO ORDERED.

JED S. RAKOFF
U.S.D.J.

DATED: New York, New York
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3. Defendant contends that the Court's review is limited to the administrative record. See *Miller v. United Welfare Fund*, 72 F.3d 1066, 1071 (2d Cir. 1995). Defendant reserves its right to object to any deposition notice.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, MICHAEL H. BERNSTEIN, hereby certify and affirm that a true and correct copy of the attached **PROPOSED CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN** was served via ECF on this 4th day of October, 2011, upon the following:

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s/_____
MICHAEL H. BERNSTEIN (MB 0579)

Dated: New York, New York
October 11, 2011